

Committee members asked if the sidewalks were necessary. They were not, but they do provide for easier pedestrian movement. The sidewalks are included because they are constructed of asphalt (bituminous), and are at a much lower cost than the concrete-and-paver design for downtown.

The cost for all changes were estimated by the DPW at about \$50,000. This assumes an asphalt paving contractor would do most of the work. The contractor would scrape and pave any necessary sections, and the DPW would remove the tailings and do any needed landscaping.

Mr. Puffer reported he has the roofing hammer used to first construct South Congregational Church.

Sidewalk Plowing

Mr. Mooring presented some alternatives in snowplowing sidewalks, with costs. Some sidewalks are required to be plowed and these cannot be dropped by DPW. All Committee members agreed that it was better to do some areas on a reliable basis than try to do as much as possible, and plow some areas on a hit-or-miss basis. Option 1 - plow only what is required by law, and skip all others. Option 2 - plow as required, and plow as much as possible including a few areas that are contiguous and some high-traffic areas. Option 3 - plow all sidewalks

He presented the costs for these options. Costs that included only the current sidewalk plowing machine did not include capital costs of obtaining new machines, and the cost-per-storm was under \$1000. Costs including more extensive plowing included capital expenditures for new machines, and the cost-per-storm was well over \$1000. Mr. Mooring said he did not include replace cost for the low-cost options he does not currently have a replacement schedule for these machines. The committee members encouraged Mr. Mooring to re-work the estimates to include capital costs for the low-priced options to achieve costs that could more accurately be compared, especially as Mr. Mooring said the existing machines were beyond their life expectancy and will have to be replaced soon. The acquisition cost per machine was very approximately \$80,000.

During a short general discussion of replacement schedules, Mr. Mooring said since he came on, he has been working on such a schedule for much of the equipment.

During a discussion of the asphalt truck funds appropriated at 2003 Spring's Town Meeting, Mr. Mooring stated it had not been purchased because they needed an additional storage shed to protect it from the elements. This lead to a discussion of why funds were asked for it at that time, and why funds were requested for a truck washer shed instead of a storage shed. This led to the request for the next PWC meeting to discuss funding streams.

No decisions were made, no votes were taken

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